GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3196
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ACTION AGAINST ESCORTS HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has decided to take Rs.51 crore from Escorts Hospital, Delhi to bail it out of giving 40 per cent free treatment to OPD patients and 25 per cent free bed to poor and subsequently the Government had passed the proposal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the criteria fixed by the DDA to take money from Escorts Hospital and also from other Private Hospitals who have taken land on concessional rates from the DDA;

(d) whether the Government is thinking to cancel the lease of those hospitals who are not complying with the lease contract to give benefits to poor;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government is facing problems in the monitoring mechanism;

(h) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the steps the Government is taking to review the monitoring mechanism?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that it has received a proposal from Escorts Hospital, wherein they have requested to exempt them from the conditions of free bed on payment of difference of market value and allotment price of land. No decision on the matter has been taken.

(d)to(f): Show Cause notices have been issued to those hospitals found violating conditions of Lease. Their replies have been examined by the DDA in consultation with the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), GNCTD. Cancellation of Lease is one of the options, along with other options on violation of Lease terms which can be enforced by the land owning agency. Matter is also sub-judice in Civil Writ Petition Nos.2866 of 2002 and 6148 of 2002 of the Delhi High Court.

(g)to(i): DDA has informed that it has requested DHS, GNCTD to assist it in monitoring compliance of the conditions by hospitals in question.